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Title: METHOD FOR IMPROVED PLASMA NITRIDATION OF ULTRA THIN GATE DIELECTRICS	IBM Corporation 2070 Route 52 Dept. 18G, Bldg. 300-482 Hopewell Junction, N.Y. 12533

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